

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Lottery ticket dispensing housings are provided with a hinged, transparent rear and top cover, a hinged front wall, and a powered ticket drive and separator module. A relatively tall embodiment of the dispenser with a small footprint is fitted onto the countertop of a check-out counter of a retail store. The top of the housing is flat so as to provide a convenient place for customers to write checks with the tickets being displayed immediately below being highly visible to the customer. A display of relatively flat and short dispensers is provided wherein a rack or housing supports the dispensers one on top of the other in a vertical array. ~~In such a rack or housing the units are connected together electrically in a daisy chain manner and one control device (point of sale terminal, computer or on-line terminal) operates all connected dispensers.~~ The dispensers are shifted laterally with respect to one another so as to give greater viewability of the contents of each of the dispensers to a customer. The length of each dispenser can be decreased with the increasing elevation of the dispenser so as to provide a vertical alignment of the front sides of the dispensers, the side through which tickets are dispensed. A ticket drive and dispensing module is provided which will fit into any of the housings with a minimum of mounting effort or hardware. This relatively flat and short dispenser can also be mounted vertically on a wall or a stand to provide additional convenient installation operations. ~~In such case multiple units are to be daisy-chained together as described above and one control device operates the connected dispensers.~~